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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)  
SUBJECT: MISCELLANY

FOR TARNOFF ONLY FROM WISNER

1. APPOINTMENTS. MR. VANCE WISHES TO REVIEW ALL HIS APPOINTMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND SEPT. 5 AFTER HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. HE WANTS TO SET ASIDE TIME, PERHAPS A QUIET TWO DAYS EARLY NEXT WEEK, POSSIBLY IN WARRENTON, TO REVIEW WITH HIS MIDDLE EAST GROUP STRATEGY FOR THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. ACCORDINGLY THE SECRETARY DOES NOT WANT TO ACT ON THE FIVE SCHEDULING DECISIONS WHICH YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR LAST MESSAGE. THE SFRC APPEARANCE MUST ALSO REMAIN TENTATIVE PENDING THE SECRETARY'S REVIEW. YOU MIGHT CHECK WITH DOUG BENNET AND MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMITTEE IS UNDER NO ILLUSION IN THIS REGARD. HAL WILL BE DEVELOPING CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS HOWEVER AND WE HOPE TO DISCUSS THESE WITH MR. VANCE DURING THE TRIP. HAL DOUBTS THAT SANDY WILL HAVE TO HELP OTHER THAN PULLING TOGETHER THE CLASSIFIED NON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. WE ARE DEVELOPING MIDDLE EAST Q'S AND A'S ON THE PLANE.

2. SYRIAN AID. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR COMPLETE ACCOUNT.

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MR. VANCE WAS SATISFIED WITH MY BRIEFING. YOU SHOULD HOWEVER STRENGTHEN THE PRESS ANSWER AND USE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE.

PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE CUTOFF OF AID TO SYRIA: BEGIN  
QUOTE: THE SECRETARY HAS MADE CLEAR TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HIS STRONGLY HELD VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SECURITY

SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SYRIA. SYRIA PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH SYRIA IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST.

WE OF COURSE ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS ON THE AID BILL -- WHICH, I MIGHT ADD, I DOUBT IS FINISHED YET; I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER AMENDMENTS COMING-- INCLUDING THE PORTION DEALING WITH SYRIA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE THAT THE CONGRESS APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE HAVE REQUESTED \$90 MILLION FOR THIS PURPOSE AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THESE FUNDS ARE WHAT IS NEEDED. END QUOTE.

3. THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING. IF THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT RECEIVE MR. VANCE THIS EVENING, HE AND MRS. VANCE WILL GO STRAIGHT HOME. HE IS AWARE OF CHRIS' SCHEDULE.

4. PHIL'S CEREMONY. MR. VANCE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST THE SMALL LUNCH YOU PROPOSE AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETING. HE FEELS THT THE VICE PRESIDENT IS MAKING A MISTAKE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF PHIL BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR THE EFFECT THROUGHOUT GOVERNMENT OF THE AWARDS. HE PLANS TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT.

5. RHODESIA. MR. VANCE HAS READ THE LOW MESSAGES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALL PARTIES MEETING. HE WILL SPEAK TO OWEN WHEN HE RETURNS. DESPITE MRS. VANCE'S RECOMMENDATION HE DELAY MEETING UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER, THE SECRETARY BELIEVES TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AD THE MEETING WILL HAVE TO GO  
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FORWARD IN AUGUST, PROVIDED OF COURSE SMITH CAN BRING THE BISHOP AND NDABANINGI ALONG.  
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